

**COMPOSITIONS FOR PRE-TREATING SHOES
AND METHODS AND ARTICLES EMPLOYING SAME**

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Abstract of the Invention

Compositions for treating shoes, especially canvas and/or leather-containing shoes, such as athletic shoes, and methods and articles of manufacture employing same to treat the shoes prior to and/or during and/or after washing the shoes are disclosed. The compositions are used to pre-treat the shoes prior to soiling of the shoes.